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SUBJECT:SCHEME TO INVOLVE SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN IN
PHILIPPINE BASE COMPENSATION PACKAGE

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1. DE VENECIA SCHEME TO INVOLVE SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN IN
COMPENSATING PHILIPPINES FOR USG USE OF BASES (REFTTEL)
APPEARS HIGHLY IMPRACTICABLE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) SAUDI AND IRANIAN GOVERNMENTS AWARD CONSTRUCTION CON-
TRACTS ON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BASIS USING STANDARD
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BUSINESS -- NOT POLITICAL -- CRITERIA.

(B) SAUDIS AND IRANIANS WOULD PROBABLY NOT SEE U.S. BASES
IN PHILIPPINES AS REALISTIC "ALTERNATIVE SUPPLY POINTS" FOR
MILITARY RESUPPLY.

(C) SAUDIS WOULD PROBABLY NOT WISH TO BE CLOSELY INVOLVED

WITH GOP WHICH IS FIGHTING MUSLIM INSURGENTS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES.

2. WE RECOMMEND YOU DO NOT RAISE MATTER WITH DE VENECIA OR MELCHOR. IF THEY RAISE QUESTION, YOU MIGHT (A) INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER SAUDIS OR IRANIANS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND, IF SO, THEIR REACTION, AND (B) SUGGEST QUALIFIED PHILIPPINE FIRMS MIGHT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO COMPETE FOR SAUDI AND IRANIAN CONTRACTS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE MADE ON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDS USING ECONOMIC CRITERIA, WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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